

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-9 (Canceled)

10. (New) An information terminal comprising:

B1 a case having a memory device accommodating section for accommodating a detachable memory device;

a locking device fixed to said case and being changeable between a locked state and an unlocked state by a lock manipulation part, said locking device remaining fixed to said case in both said locked state and said unlocked state;

a lid, movable between an open state and a closed state, for covering said memory device accommodating section and preventing removal of the detachable memory device from said memory device accommodating section when in the closed state; and

an interlocking lock mechanism operably interlocked with said locking device for retaining said lid in said closed state when said locking device is in said locked state, and for allowing opening of said lid when said locking device is in said unlocked state.

11. (New) The information terminal of claim 10, wherein

said interlocking lock mechanism locks said lid directly when changed from said unlocked state to said locked state.

12. (New) The information terminal of claim 10, further comprising

a lid locking mechanism for locking and unlocking said lid manually, said interlocking lock mechanism being operable, in said locked state, to lock said lid to prevent said lid locking mechanism from being unlocked manually.

13. (New) The information terminal of claim 12, wherein

said locking device comprises a cylinder lock having a rotatable shaft; and

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said interlocking lock mechanism comprises an elongated coupling rod plate coupled to said rotatable shaft so as to be moved in a lengthwise direction of said coupling rod plate upon rotation of said rotatable shaft, an arresting shaft operably coupled with said lid locking mechanism and rotatable between an arresting position in which said lid locking mechanism is prevented from being unlocked manually and a non-arresting position, and a lever unit coupling said arresting shaft to said coupling rod plate such that said arresting shaft is rotated upon movement of said coupling rod plate in said lengthwise direction.

14. (New) The information terminal of claim 10, wherein
said lid has a locking part; and

said interlocking lock mechanism comprises an elongated lock lever coupled to said rotatable shaft so as to be moved in a lengthwise direction of said lock lever upon rotation of said rotatable shaft between a locking position and an unlocking position, said lock lever being engageable, when in said locking position, with said locking part of said lid to retain said lid in said closed state.

15. (New) The information terminal of claim 10, further comprising
a wireless communication function for communicating externally, said wireless communication function including the detachable memory device; and
wherein said detachable memory device comprises a subscriber identity module (SIM) card.

16. (New) An information terminal comprising:
a case having a memory device accommodating section for accommodating a detachable memory device;
a locking device mounted to said case and being changeable between a locked state and an unlocked state by a lock manipulation part;

a lid, movable between an open state and a closed state, for covering said memory device accommodating section and preventing removal of the detachable memory device from said memory device accommodating section when in the closed state; and

B1 an interlocking lock mechanism operably interlocked with said locking device for retaining said lid in said closed state when said locking device is in said locked state, and for allowing opening of said lid when said locking device is in said unlocked state;

wherein said interlocking lock mechanism comprises a member extending away from said locking device such that a position at which said interlocking lock mechanism engages said lid when retaining said lid in said closed state is remote from said locking device.

17. (New) The information terminal of claim 16, wherein
said interlocking lock mechanism locks said lid directly when changed from said unlocked state to said locked state.

18. (New) The information terminal of claim 16, further comprising
a lid locking mechanism for locking and unlocking said lid manually, said interlocking lock mechanism being operable, in said locked state, to lock said lid to prevent said lid locking mechanism from being unlocked manually.

19. (New) The information terminal of claim 18, wherein
said locking device comprises a cylinder lock having a rotatable shaft; and
said member of said interlocking lock mechanism comprises an elongated coupling rod plate coupled to said rotatable shaft so as to be moved in a lengthwise direction of said coupling rod plate upon rotation of said rotatable shaft, and said interlocking lock mechanism further includes an arresting shaft operably coupled with said lid locking mechanism and rotatable between an arresting position in which said lid locking mechanism is prevented from being unlocked manually and a non-arresting position, and a lever unit coupling said arresting shaft to

said coupling rod plate such that said arresting shaft is rotated upon movement of said coupling rod plate in said lengthwise direction.

20. (New) The information terminal of claim 16, wherein

said lid has a locking part; and

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said member of said interlocking lock mechanism comprises an elongated lock lever coupled to said rotatable shaft so as to be moved in a lengthwise direction of said lock lever upon rotation of said rotatable shaft between a locking position and an unlocking position, said lock lever being engageable, when in said locking position, with said locking part of said lid to retain said lid in said closed state.

21. (New) The information terminal of claim 16, further comprising

a wireless communication function for communicating externally, said wireless communication function including the detachable memory device; and

wherein said detachable memory device comprises a subscriber identity module (SIM) card.

22. (New) An information terminal comprising:

a case having a memory device accommodating section for accommodating a detachable memory device;

a power switch mounted to said case for enabling at least one of powering said information terminal on and powering said information terminal off;

a locking device mounted to said case and being changeable, by a lock manipulation part, between a locked state in which said locking device prevents said power switch from being operated, and an unlocked state in which said locking device allows said power switch to be operated;

a lid, movable between an open state and a closed state, for covering said memory device accommodating section and preventing removal of the detachable memory device from said memory device accommodating section when in the closed state; and

an interlocking lock mechanism operably interlocked with said locking device for retaining said lid in said closed state when said locking device is in said locked state, and for allowing opening of said lid when said locking device is in said unlocked state.

23. (New) The information terminal of claim 22, wherein

said interlocking lock mechanism locks said lid directly when changed from said unlocked state to said locked state.

24. (New) The information terminal of claim 22, further comprising

a lid locking mechanism for locking and unlocking said lid manually, said interlocking lock mechanism being operable, in said locked state, to lock said lid to prevent said lid locking mechanism from being unlocked manually.

25. (New) The information terminal of claim 24, wherein

said locking device comprises a cylinder lock having a rotatable shaft; and

said interlocking lock mechanism comprises an elongated coupling rod plate coupled to said rotatable shaft so as to be moved in a lengthwise direction of said coupling rod plate upon rotation of said rotatable shaft, an arresting shaft operably coupled with said lid locking mechanism and rotatable between an arresting position in which said lid locking mechanism is prevented from being unlocked manually and a non-arresting position, and a lever unit coupling said arresting shaft to said coupling rod plate such that said arresting shaft is rotated upon movement of said coupling rod plate in said lengthwise direction.

26. (New) The information terminal of claim 22, wherein

said lid has a locking part; and

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said interlocking lock mechanism comprises an elongated lock lever coupled to said rotatable shaft so as to be moved in a lengthwise direction of said lock lever upon rotation of said rotatable shaft between a locking position and an unlocking position, said lock lever being engageable, when in said locking position, with said locking part of said lid to retain said lid in said closed state.

27. (New) The information terminal of claim 22, further comprising
a wireless communication function for communicating externally, said wireless communication function including the detachable memory device; and
wherein said detachable memory device comprises a subscriber identity module (SIM) card.
